

**Proposed Bill 800
An Act Restoring Commuter Rail Service from Waterbury to
Hartford**

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This testimony is offered to you from a neighbor of the proposed New Britain Hartford Busway who has been attending public hearings since 1999 to express my neighborhood's support for the project. Time has passed, players have changed, but the project is as good today as it was in 1999 and my neighborhood is as much behind it as it ever has been.

So my question to you is – what are you thinking? Why would anyone propose to kill a project that is ready to go out for construction bids? A project that has been studied from every angle possible, that has been working its way through a difficult federal approval process, that will bring some needed investment in my neighborhood.

I want to believe that you consider Hartford, the capital city of our state, a worthy place for investment. I want to believe that you value a city neighborhood the same way that you value your own. But this Bill 800 has me questioning where you could possibly be coming from.

I know, trains are cool, trains are fun. Well, have fun with your model trains, but take off your rose colored, anything on rails looks good glasses and join me in supporting a real project that will bring real benefit to my neighborhood, my City, and my region.